

## Coins

# *Sluggish sales for the mint's Bicentennial sets*

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IT MAY BE THE Tricentennial before the United States Mint sells the 15 million proof and uncirculated sets it was ordered by Congress to produce for the Bicentennial.

So far, only 7.1 million of the three-coin sets have been sold, and a mint spokesman said last

week that "we plan to keep selling them until they are all sold." The proof set costs \$12, and the uncirculated set is \$9 in quantities of less than 50 [\$7 a set in multiples of 50].

The mint has sold 3.1 million of 4 million proof sets, and about 4 million of 11 million uncirculated sets, according to the spokesman.

Usually, the mint sells out its proof and uncirculated sets for a particular year because it

produces only enough to fill orders received. However, Congress wanted to assure that these 40 per cent silver Bicentennial sets would have wide distribution.

The sets, which contain a quarter, half-dollar, and dollar with the Bicentennial reverse designs, may be ordered by writing Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint St., San Francisco, Cal. 94175.